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(ix) Finance of Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

883. Two Industrial Banks and two Central Banks were able to obtain loans to the extent of Rs. 5·49 lakhs from Reserve Bank of India during the year.

884. *Weavers' Co operative Movement.*—Statistics relating to Weavers' Co-operative Societies in the State as on 31st March 1960 :—

	Number of Societies	Number of looms	Number of weavers
Cotton ...	405	74,056	78,265
Wool ...	126	12,431	13,072
Silk ..	40	4 416	4,416

Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

885. The paid up share capital of the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies (Cotton) was Rs. 16,24,318.

886. Separate Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies ware established in the State for cotton, woollen and silk weavers.

(x) Handicraft Schemes.

Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

887. A budget provision of Rs. 5·5 lakhs for the development of Handicrafts was provided for Loans and grants.

888. This includes the Central assistance of Rs. 3·5 lakhs grant and 1·0 lakh loan. A sum of Rs. 5·3 lakhs has been spent on Handicraft Schemes during the year Twenty-two Handicraft Co-operative Societies were given financial assistance towards working capital and managerial expenses during the year.

Common facility scheme.

889. *Seasoning Kiln for Wood and Bamboo, Shimoga.*—This scheme was sanctioned by the State Government at a total cost of Rs.76,200.

Refresher Course Training to Craftsman.

890. *Dyeing and Printing School at Nanjangud.*—A sum of Rs. 6,936 was spent for the implementation of the above scheme.

891. A sum of Rs.4.674 was spent in respect of Refresher Course Training to Craftsman, during the year.

892. The Training in Soapstone Industry at the Regional Design Centre, Bangalore, Sculpture training centre at Mysore City, and the Dolls and toys making centre, Belgaum were in progress during the year.

Fifth All India Handicrafts Week.

893. In addition to the implementation of the several Handicrafts schemes, the Department also celebrated the fifth All-India Handicrafts week throughout the State from 5th to 13th December 1959.